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SUBJECT: US- ICELANDIC DEFENSE AGREEMENT

1. ICELANDIC AMBASSADOR TOMASSON ADVISED CHARGE JUNE 19 THAT GOI WOULD INVOKE ARTICLE VII OF DEFENSE AGREEMENT ON JUNE 24 OR JUNE 25. THE SIX MONTH' S PERIOD WOULD BEGIN TO RUN FROM THAT DATE.

2. TOMASSON ADDED THAT GOI HAD POSTPONED INVOCATION OF ARTICLE VII UNTIL LATTER PART OF JUNE BECAUSE OF ITS PROMISE TO THE ICELANDIC LEGISLATURE THAT IT WOULD CONFER WITH THAT BODY BEFORE TAKING ANY DECISION. SINCE THE ALTHING NORMALLY RECESSES IN LATE DECEMBER BEFORE CHRISTMAS- NEW YEARS' HOLIDAY, THIS LATE INVOCATION OF ARTICLE VII IN FACT WILL ALLOW FROM 6 AND ONE HALF TO 7 MONTHS FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH WASHINGTON AND DELIBERATIONS IN NAC.
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